

Public Announcement

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) will be allowing licensed dental hygienists to directly bill for services provided, when working under a collaborative agreement with a dentist licensed in Vermont, upon approval of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment by the Centers for the Medicare & Medicaid Services. The proposed amendment to the Medicaid State Plan (Amendment #15-023) will be submitted to CMS for review by September 30, 2015. The DVHA proposes to enroll dental hygienists as providers in order to increase access to preventive dental services for Medicaid beneficiaries across the State. These dental hygienists can also provide “place-based” care in areas of the State where residents may have difficulty obtaining care in traditional dental practice settings.

Any written comments may be sent to AHS Medicaid Policy, 208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT 05495, or submitted via e-mail to AHS.Medicaidpolicy@vermont.gov. There is no public meeting scheduled at this time. If one should be scheduled, that information can be found at: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/> either through the calendar or listed under upcoming events.